

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Dutta et al. §
Serial No.: 10/016,437 § Group Art Unit: 2128
Confirmation No.: 5333 § Examiner: Hugh M. Jones
Filed: December 10, 2001 §
For: Method For Shallow Water Flow § Atty. Dkt. No. 594-25576
Detection § (WGEC0055)
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Dear Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Applicants, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.114(c), request consideration of the following amendments prior to the examination of the attached Request for Continued Prosecution of the above identified application.

The extension of time fees and RCE fees have been paid using a credit card via EFS. Accordingly, Applicants believe that no fee is due in connection with this amendment. Nevertheless, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 50-3882/WGEC0055 for any fees required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.